GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF TEA TO AFGHANISTAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the change in regime in Afghanistan, prospects of Indian Tea exports to that country has brightened;

(b) if so, the estimated likely exports of tea to that country during the ensuing year and the steps taken and being taken to tap full export potential, including the steps to give Assam Tea its due place in the exports to that country; and

(c) the exports of Assam and other Indian Teas to that country during the past three years, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. However, it is as yet too early to be able to estimate the likely increase in exports to Afghanistan. The opening of the Indian Mission in Kabul and availability of suitable trade finance would provide an opportunity to rebuild the tea trading links to promote exports of Indian tea, including Assam tea, to that country.

(c): The export of tea, including Assam Tea, to Afghanistan during the last three years is given below:-

(Quantity in Th. Kgs.) (Value in Th. Rs.)

2000-2001		1999-2000		1998-1999	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
268	26406	210	23245	263	31203